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(Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/209,017, filed December 10, 1998)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Before taking up the above-identified continuation application for examination, please amend it as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, between lines 3 and 4, please add the following new paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/209,017, filed December 10, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/002,986, filed January 5, 1998 (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,141).--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel existing claims 2-24 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 2-24 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 1 is now pending in the application. The Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

The applicant will soon file a second preliminary amendment with new claims. If the Examiner begins the examination without receiving the new claims, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the below signed attorney to receive a copy of the new claims.

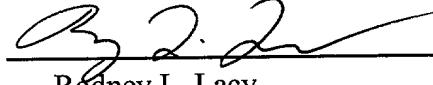
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